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(*d*) whether these lands were not lowered and brought under water-rate cultivation in or about 1925;

(*e*) how many acres of mamul wet lands lie below these dry lands;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that the lower down mamul wet lands will be seriously prejudiced by allowing wet cultivation on these lands with tank water;

(*g*) whether it is a fact that wet lands irrigated by the surplus odai will get only 80 out of 120 days' supply in the Elundrakondan Periyakulam and for the rest of the period they have to depend on the Panjamthangi tank and even this tank is in an abandoned state and could not hold even rain water owing to the various acts of the dry land-owner;

(*h*) whether it is a fact that these lands are being irrigated by putting up a cross dam, across the surplus odai making new openings in the Panjamthangi tank-bund and excavating new channels in the rear slope of the Panjamthangi bund unauthorizedly;

(*i*) whether it is a fact that the owner of the above dry lands cut open the Panjamthangi tank-bund and was irrigating his dry lands above mentioned by inserting pipes and the ryots objected to the unauthorized irrigation in 1925–26;

(*j*) whether the Sub-Collector or any officer of the Public Works Department inspected these lands and the unauthorized acts of damage done to the Panjamthangi tank-bund by the owner of the dry lands in or about 1925; and

(*k*) whether the hon. Member will be pleased to lay on the table of the House the reports of the Sub-Collector and of the Executive Engineer, if any, on the objection petitions of the ryots and the orders of the Collector thereon, if any?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*k*) The Government have not the information. A report has been called for.

Water-rate cultivation under Elundrakondan Periakulam.

* 561 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that water-rate cultivation is permitted for a very large area under Elundrakondan Periakulam;

(*b*) whether the Executive Engineer gave any opinion with regard to water-rate cultivation under this tank, and if so, what is his opinion;

(*c*) what is the extent of wet and water-rate lands that got below 12 annas yield during faslis 1336 to 1340 and what was the cause for the low yield, if any; and

(*d*) the ayacut under the tank at the old settlement;
the ayacut at the resettlement;
the extent of dry lands transferred to wet last fasli;
the extent of double crop wet lands under the tank;
the extent of dry lands now proposed to be transferred to wet?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government have not the information. A report has been called for.